
Definitions

Overall tobacco use includes chewing betelnut with any form of tobacco added; smoking cigarettes; smoking cigars, cigarillos or little cigars; smoking bidis or kreteks; smoking tobacco in a pipe; or chewing smokeless tobacco (not in betelnut).

Lifetime users of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or bidis/kreteks were defined as students who had ever smoked (even one or two puffs). Lifetime users of smokeless tobacco were students who had ever chewed smokeless tobacco. Lifetime users of betelnut with tobacco were defined as students who “usually” added either cigarettes or smokeless tobacco to their betelnut.

Current users were defined as students who reported using a product on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey (regardless of amount used).

Frequent users were defined as students who reported using a product on 20 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey (regardless of amount used).

Elaus is a betelnut, usually split and prepared for chewing with the addition of powdered lime, and wrapped in a pepper leaf. Tobacco may or may not be added to the betelnut package.

Susceptible respondents were students who had never smoked a cigarette/chewed betelnut with tobacco (as applicable) who answered “definitely yes” or “probably yes” to any of the following questions:

- 1) Do you think you will chew betelnut with cigarettes or smokeless tobacco at anytime during the next year?
- 2) If one of your best friends offered you betelnut with cigarettes or smokeless tobacco, would you chew it?
- 3) Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at anytime during the next year?
- 4) If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?